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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA ROUND-UP

1. BOUMEDIENE MET OULD DADDAH EVENING JUNE 10 IN BECHAR FOR DISCUSSIONS OF "BILATERAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS". KEY MEMBERS ALGERIAN DELEGATION PRIMARILY MILITARY, INCLUDING MINISTER INTERIOR COL. ABDELGHANI, SECOND MILITARY REGION COMMANDER COL. CHADLY, AND GENDARMERIE COMMANDER COL. BENCHERIF.

2. SPANISH EMBOFF 10 JUNE COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT:

A. THERE ARE FEW ELEMENTS OF CONTENTION ON SPANISH SAHARA BETWEEN SPAIN AND ALGERIA. SPAIN WANTS TO LEAVE SPANISH SAHARA, BELIEVES SPANISH SAHARA POPULATION SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN FUTURE (WHICH WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF UNITY WITH MOROCCO), AND ACCEPTS ALGERIA AS INTERESTED PARTY. HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT SPANISH EMBASSY HERE IS GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF HAVING ALGERIANS COME TO THEM TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MOROCCAN ACTIONS; "LET THEM TELL MOROCCANS DIRECTLY".

B. SPANISH INFORMATION IS THAT F. POLISARIO HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR SOME FOUR TO FIVE YEARS. HE SAID LEADERSHIP IS

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YOUNG (LATE TWENTIES) AND RADICALLY INCLINED. WHILE HE SAW

ORGANIZATION AS "HEAVILY INFLUENCED" BY ALGERIA, HE STOPPED SHORT OF DESCRIBING IT AS ALGERIAN CAT'S PAW. SPEAKING OF SPANISH PRISONERS HELD BY POLISARIO, HE SAID SPAIN WOULD CONSIDER ALGERIA ONE OF CULPABLE PARTIES SHOULD PRISONERS BE MISTREATED. C. HE BELIEVED MOROCCO IS FOLLOWING VERY SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY VIS-A-VIS SPANISH SAHARA. IF IT GETS SPANISH SAHARA AS IT IS NOW GOING ABOUT IT, IT FACES SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH ALGERIA. IF IT FAILS, IT WILL HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS OF LOSS OF FACE AND DISSATISFIED, FRUSTRATED MOROCCAN PUBLIC OPINION. IN PROCESS OF ITS MACHINATIONS, MOROCCANS ALSO RUNNING GRAVE DANGER OF DAMAGING THEIR RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

3. FRENCH POLITICAL COUNSELOR INFORMED EMBOFF 11 JUNE THAT FRENCH DISAPPROVED OF WALDHEIM CURRENT TOUR ON GROUNDS HIS MAKING ALGERIA HIS FIRST STOP AND HIS CONFERRING WITH "ALGERIAN PUPPETS", F. POLISARIO.  
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